(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

**Improving Education Standard in IAF School, Race Course, New Delhi**

†4202. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2150 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd December, 1999 and state:

(a) what has been the results of the classes other than the Board Examinations during the year 2001-2002 and 2002-2003;

(b) the section-wise results of 8th class during the said years and number of students passed with passing marks and those who failed; and

(c) whether efforts would be made by Government to improve the declining standard of education in the said school?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The results of the classes other than Board Examination are given below:

| Class | 2001-2002 | 2002-2003 |
|---|---|---|
| I | 95% | 97% |
| II | 100% | 98% |
| III | 91% | 100% |
| IV | 87% | 84% |
| V | 88% | 90% |
| VI | 83% | 80% |
| VII | 83% | 87% |
| VIII | 69% | 88% |
| IX | 71% | 60% |
| XI | 77% | 79% |

(b) The section-wise results of 8th class during the said years and the number of students passed with passing marks are given below:–

| Class | 2001-2002 | 2002-2003 |
|---|---|---|
| VIIIA | 62% | 89% |
| VIIIB | 76% | 89% |
| VIIIC | 70% | 85% |

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

A detailed list is given in the Annexure showing the number of students. [*See* Appendix 198, Annexure No. 18]

(c) Every efforts is being made to improve the standard of education. This is an ongoing process.

**Modernisation of Indian Navy**

4203. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Navy required modernisation and better equipments;

(b) the amount spent on modernisation of Indian Navy each year during the last five years;

(c) the amount returned unutilized by the Ministry of Defence during the last financial year; and

(d) why was the amount not utilized for the purpose mentioned in (a) above?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Modernisation and induction of better equipments is an ongoing process dictated primarily by the threat perceptions, prevailing external strategic/security environment as also the emerging technologies.

(b) The amount spent on modernisation of the Navy in last five years is as follows:—

(Rs. in crores)

| | |
|---|---|
| 1998-1999 | Rs. 2673.98 |
| 1999-2000 | Rs. 2943.75 |
| 2000-2001 | Rs. 3396.94 |
| 2001-2002 | Rs. 4435.87 |
| 2002-2003 | Rs. 3810.53 |

(c) Rs. 1504.47 crores, as per provisional figures.

(d) Rs. 1504.47 crores savings mentioned in part (c) above occurred due to slow progress in some projects.

**Protection of Indian assets in Arabian Sea**

4204. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY:
SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

Will the MINISTER OF DEFENCE be pleased to state: